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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING RESPONSE (TBILISI 00021)

REF: TBILISI 00021

- 11. (U) This cable responds to the action request in reftel requesting human rights vetting for the candidate nominated to attend the DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, LACKLAND AFB, SAN ANTONIO, TX; SERGEANT MAJOR ACADEMY, FORT BLISS, TX; JANUARY 27, 2010 JUNE 17, 2011.
- 12. (U) The Department of State has vetted the individual listed in reftel and possesses no credible derogatory information as of 01/19/2010. Post is authorized to include the following individual in USG-funded training:

NAME: KOPALIANI, ALUDA;
TITLE: Armed Forces Sergeant Major, Joint Staff; Master Sergeant;
ORGANIZATION: Ministry of Defense of Georgia;
SEX: Male;
DATE OF BIRTH: April 27, 1976;
PLACE OF BIRTH: Sokhumi, Georgia;
NATIONALITY: Georgian;
PASSPORT NUMBER: 08AI97681;
PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: March 20, 2019;
TYPE OF TRAINING: English language training, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX; Sergeant Major Academy, Fort Sill, TX;
DATES OF TRAINING: January 27, 2010 - June 17, 2011.

- 13. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individual identified above, as of 01/19/2010. Post may cite this cable in response.
- 14. (U) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individual listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. Post should refer to the Leahy Vetting guidance manual for additional assistance. CLINTON